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R E P O R T S
OF THE SELECTMEN AND SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
T O W N O F H I L L,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1862.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the town of Hill for the year 1861 charge themselves with the following items, viz:

Cash received as follows:

Of Albert Blake, Treasurer for 1860,	\$145 21
Wm. H. Straw, collector for 1860,	450 00
H. S. Easterbrooks,	4 00
County of Grafton,	58 70
Town of Henniker,	14 98
Literary Fund,	78 30
Town of Raymond,	5 00
State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	78 68
Nason W. Cass, collector for 1856,	18 38
Town of Canterbury,	7 19
O. E. Eastman, collector for 1857,	19 32
Gardner Evans,	20 00
Taxes committed to collector,	2,590 79
Received of J. Q. A. Prescott,	4 10
	\$3,494 65

Which is accounted for as follows:

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS PRIOR TO MARCH, 1861.

Paid as follows:

Albert Blake, services as Treasurer for 1860,	\$14 61
J. T. Follansbee, support of J. Cole and wife,	13 00
Peter S. Braley, for Sally Noyes,	20 00
Jacob Cass for plank,	63
S. D. Johnson, work on road,	2 25
E. W. Mason, " "	1 00
M. W. Sawyer, " "	4 02

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Alvin Gerry, plank for bridge,	4 36
H. S. Easterbrooks, work on road,	3 00
H. S. Easterbrooks, for M. and E. Rano, and L. Mowe,	51 82
School District No. 10, for 1856,	8 05
J. M. Currier, on road,	80
Pike & Barnard, on account,	151 24
John H. Follansbee, on road,	2 16
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	\$276 94

Town Expenses for 1861.

Paid as follows:

Nason W. Cass, for collecting:	\$1 26
Pike & Barnard,	20 50
L. W. Fling,	1 50
Fogg, Hadley & Co., for printing,	11 00
Milton Mason, services,	1 00
Dr. R. Fellows, Supt. School Committee,	17 50
George W. Sumner Supt. School Committee,	20 00
Wm. H. Straw, for collecting taxes,	44 00
O. E. Eastman, " " "	7 00
Carr Huse, services as selectman,	34 00
Horse hire, and cash paid out,	15 37
Board of selectmen,	8 00
E. W. Mason, services as selectman	23 50
Horse hire, and cash paid out,	10 22
C. M. Cilley, services as Town Clerk,	17 10
Paid Auditors,	1 00
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	\$232 95

Support of the Poor.

Paid as follows:

J. B. Martin, for Mrs. E. R. Colby	\$2 69
John Saunders, " " " "	1 00
N. H. Asylum, for S. Rano,	131 21
H. S. Easterbrooks, for L. Mowe,	24 00
Town of Dorchester, for James Peasley,	60 00
John Flanders, for S. Shortliff,	9 50
E. W. Mason for S. Connor,	1 31
J. L. Mead, for S. Connor,	4 00
M. P. Favor, for S. Favor,	24 00
Peter S. Braley, for Sally Noyes,	22 50
Jeremiah Carleton for T. Carlton,	60 00

T. W. Sawyer, for Mary Sawyer,	24 75
J. T. Follansbee, for John Cole and wife,	37 50
J. P. Colby, for M. & E. Rano,	37 50
David Sawyer, for Peter Bresette,	2 33
Julia A. Hastings, for S. Connor,	50
Town of Canterbury for B. H. Cass,	37 19
Carr Huse, for Mrs. Asa Fowle,	5 00
Milton Mason, for Lydia Mowe,	47 50
John Twombly, for J. Clifford,	16 00
Thomas Leighton, for travellers,	3 50
J. M. Currier, for R. Stevens,	1 25
Dr. R. Fellows, " " "	7 22
Dr. R. Fellows, services as physician,	42 36
Huse & Blake for the following named persons:	
R. Stevens,	21 95
Peter Bresette,	11 89
Samuel Connor,	9 18
Moses Rano,	8 79
T. Carleton,	3 37
Lydia Mowe,	4 50
Rachel Stevens,	12 00

\$674 49

Roads and Bridges.

Paid as follows:

N. R. R. Corporation, freight,	85
Wm. Walker & Co., for bridge,	30 33
R. S. Hastings, on bridge,	9 75
John Shaw, on Bridge,	5 00
C. W. Colby, lumber for bridge,	43 42
T. C. Boswell, work on bridge,	13 92
S. S. Straw, work on bridge,	4 00
J. W. Chapman, work on bridge,	5 00
E. D. Clark, lumber,	1 20
G. W. Clifford, lumber,	1 86
Albert Blake, lumber,	9 80
W. B. Mason, work on bridge,	3 00
J. K. George, on road,	4 50
Richard Dearborn, on road,	2 00
Huse & Blake on Bridge,	80
Frank Keniston, on road,	1 68
Sewall Dickerson " "	5 49

Christopher P. Hersey, work on road,	75
William Hersey " "	1 75
Frank G. Hersey, " "	75
S. T. Tucker, " "	7 87
O. E. Eastman, lumber,	6 82
E. W. Mason, on bridge,	5 00

\$165 54

Paid on Notes.

Paid Amos Dickerson,	\$25 00
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Families of Volunteers.

Paid as follows:

Eliza Corliss,	\$6 00
For M. E. Southworth's family as follows:	
To Parker & Little,	3 51
C. M. Cilley,	2 12
Wilbur H. Morrill,	2 90
M. J. Morrill,	10 50
Huse & Blake,	24 80
C. M. Cilley,	3 00
Huse & Blake, for E. B. Cilley's family,	38 77
Parker & Little " " " "	3 34

Paid the Several School Districts.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$115 70
2,	27 86
3,	46 25
4,	51 94
5,	50 75
6,	47 14
7,	27 72
8,	31 04
9,	31 50
10,	33 50

\$463 40

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid J. D. Quimby, damage to waggon,	\$2 50
Zara Ballou " "	1 00
J. W. Patterson, School Commissioner,	7 72

\$11 22

Paid State Tax,	\$135 10
County Tax,	288 43
Non-resident Highway Tax, worked out,	50
Paid District No. 1, School House Tax,	183 90
District No. 6, " " "	7 20
Abatement of taxes,	22 46

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of money received by Treasurer, \$3.494 65
 Which is accounted for as follows :

State Tax,	\$135 10
County Tax,	288 43
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	50
School Districts,	463 40
Outstanding Claims,	276 94
Town Expenses,	232 95
Support of the Poor,	674 49
Roads and Bridges,	165 54
Paid on Notes,	25 00
School House Tax, District No 1,	183 90
School House Tax, " " 6,	7 20
Due from the collector,	889 80
Abatement of taxes,	22 46
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	22 78
Families of Volunteers	94 94
Miscellaneous Expenses,	11 22
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	\$3.494 65

Respectfully submitted,

CARR HUSE,	}	<i>Selectmen of</i>
E. W. MASON,	}	<i>Hill.</i>

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

I. T. PARKER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
J. L. MEAD.	}	

Outstanding Claims against the Town.

Due on notes as follows:

Sarah A. Quimby,	\$167 80
H. P. Eaton,	412 58
Dimond Shaw,	267 61
Moses Dustin,	289 32
Watson Dickerson,	105 87
M. J. Morrill,	350 74
S. M. Currier,	337 00
Amelia Emmons,	266 69
Polly F. Hersey,	102 66
Ruth Bartlett,	33 07
Amos Dickerson,	105 91
Edward Colby,	217 30
Outstanding bills, estimated at	300 00
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	\$2.956 55

Due the Town.

Liquors on hand, estimated at	\$125 00
Available means, in real estate,	50 00
Due from Jeremiah Landers, collector,	9 68
David Trumbull, collector,	18 49
O. E. Eastman, "	54 25
C. N. Blake, "	117 87
Wm. H. Straw, "	949 60
John P. Colby,	15 00
County of Grafton,	82 35
From the State,	94 94
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	22 78
Samuel Underbill estate,	72 74
Town of Sanbornton,	10 24
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	\$1.622 94
Leaving a balance due from the town, of	\$1.333 61

CARR HUSE, } *Selectmen of*
E. W. MASON, } *Hill.*

REPORT

Of the Superintending School Committee for the year ending March 11, 1862 :

DISTRICT No. 1.

Two Summer terms of 14 weeks, taught by Miss Eliza H. Merrill, assisted, the first term of 7 weeks, by Miss Sarah G. Sumner. Order, average. The teachers were diligent, and by their industry the school was much improved.

Winter term of 9 weeks, by Miss Emelie Hersey, who notwithstanding her thorough scholarship and good intentions, failed to govern the school to the satisfaction of either herself or the Committee, and, of course, her usefulness was considerably limited. The school was large, the classes numerous, and what was still more detrimental, the relics of the old past, whispering and idleness, were still visible, claiming, like Southern rebeldom, to be let alone, but making haste *very slowly to secede*. To abate this nuisance effectually will require the determined co-operation of teachers, parents and committees; and without this united effort, much of the money expended in this District must be lost. The school-house having been remodeled, is second to few, if any in the County, and it is hoped the school will soon undergo a corresponding improvement in its order and advancement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Winter term of 8 weeks by Cyrus W. Bartlett, who, though inexperienced, proved a faithful and profitable teacher, acting his part, it is believed, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Advancement good, considering the length of the term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer and winter terms of 6 weeks each, both taught by Mr. M. Proctor Favor, who is a thorough scholar and a successful disciplinarian. Schools much improved. The services of such teachers are very desirable.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term of 6 weeks, by Miss H. Annie Colby. This school was quiet and profitable, all the classes appearing well at the close. Winter term of 8 weeks by Mr. C. W. Moody, who from some cause failed to secure the confidence and good will of a large portion of both parents and scholars. The school was deserted by most of the pupils, and of course, proved a failure.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Two Summer terms of 20 weeks, both by Miss Georgie F. Fowler, energetic and persevering in the discharge of her duties. Improvement in the several branches taught was marked. One of our best schools.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term of 5 weeks, by Miss Mary L. Parker, a good scholar, patient and devoted as a teacher. Useful school.

Winter term of 6 and 2-5 weeks, by Mr. John Emery, a faithful, thorough and devoted teacher. It is believed that nearly all the scholars made commendable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term of 8 weeks, by Mr. John Emery, a teacher of much experience. The school gave evidence of good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter term of 8 weeks by Mr. John Emery, a teacher of experience and much originality of thought, who teaches every thing understandingly. So far as the Committee could see the improvement was good.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Winter term of 6 weeks by Mr. Silas P. Thompson who ranks with our best teachers. Both teacher and scholars did themselves honor and the school was a complete success.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term, by Miss Addie H. Sargent, 6 weeks. The teacher was faithful and succeeded well, and the improvement was good considering the length of the term and other circumstances hereafter mentioned.

A second summer term of 6 weeks was taught by Miss Ellen M. Pettin-gill, a young, inexperienced, but apparently faithful teacher. The Committee think the school was not very profitable from the following reasons: the scholars were very irregular in the attendance, only one attending regularly through the entire term. Another reason was a great deficiency of text-books. It is believed there is a want of interest in parents.

Our schools, during the present year have, with two or three exceptions, been conducted to the satisfaction of the Committee, and it is believed that the cause of education has suffered no retrograde movement. All experience teaches that the greatest obstacle to success in common school education, is want of qualification in teachers. It must not be forgotten, however, that book knowledge constitutes only a part of a successful teacher. Children are very imitative animals, insomuch that not only the written copy set by the instructor is imitated, but the teacher himself becomes a living copy, whose deficiencies in the refinements and courtesies of life the pupil almost involuntarily follows. In a well managed school, the scholar naturally and properly forms a high estimate of the teacher, and tenaciously imitates his or her qualities, whether of manners, intelligence or morals, and hence the great importance of placing before children models worthy of imitation. Let it be remembered that teachers of the best stamp are "few and far between," and cannot therefore be secured, except for a liberal compensation. It is the settled conviction of the best judges that the cheapest schools are almost invariable the dearest.

The great problem, whether the masses are, or are not capable of self-government, is now being solved. We are on the point of demonstrating to the world that the virtue and intelligence emanating from our free institutions will bring us out of the present struggle purified and disciplined, even to the defiance of similar emergencies in the future. If one thing more than another is calculated, under God, to shield us against both foreign and domestic foes, it is the intelligence of the masses, regulated by the mild, but unyielding influences of Christianity.

As the gloom of war is calculated to extinguish the lights of science, let us "In time of war prepare for peace" by guarding and perfecting that most lovely feature of our government, our free school system.

GEORGE W. SUMNER, } *Superintending School Committee*
RUFUS FELLOWS, } *of the Town of Hill.*